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For playing the New Royal
GAME OF CARDS

CALLED
CONNECTIONS.

Invented by

Their Royal Highnesses

THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH

And

DUCHESS OF YORK.

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ADDRESS
TO THE
PUBLIC.

THE Game of CONNECTIONS which derives its origin from the ingenuity of *two exalted and amiable personages*, it is generally believed will become the most fashionable, as it is the most entertaining and innocent amusement that can possibly be drawn from a Pack of Cards.

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WHIST, QUADRILLE,
 PICQUET, CASSINO, &c.
 all must make way for
 its attractive powers; in
 pursuit of CONNEX-
 TIONS, the *peer* and
 the *peasant* are inces-
 santly employed; it is
 the grand arcanum of
happiness or misery.

The *statesman*, for in-
 stance, whose primary
 object is the acquisition
 of power, without ha-
 zarding a thought of
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the miserable consequences which must naturally arise, will consign his darling daughter to the loathsome embraces of some antiquated peer, for no other purpose than that of adding to his CONNECTIONS. Even our *immaculate minister*, under whose banner thousands are daily enlisting, thinks it no derogation of the high situation he holds, to

be constantly in search
of new CONNECTIONS.

*Mr. Timothy Tallow-
fat* meeting *Mr. De-
puty Drowsy*, the other
day, after the usual en-
quiries, respecting the
health of *Mrs. Drowsy*
and the *young ladies*,
was informed his eldest
daughter (*Miss Abigail
Drowsy*) had lately
married; God bless
me! *Mr. Deputy*, ex-
claimed *Timothy*, I
hope

hope Miss *Abbey* has not thrown herself away ; I am sure her expectations from papa were such, as entitled her to a man of considerable property. No very great property, replied Mr. Deputy, but very great CONNECTIONS, friend Timothy.

Another instance I shall produce, in order to shew, that this game

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of all others, is most likely to gain pre-eminence: and that is, of my old friend *Lieutenant Bowling*, the first step of whose ladder to preferment, was his CONNECTION with the *beadle* of the Admiralty.

Thus it may be plainly seen, that CONNECTIONS is what we are all seeking for.

I shall now take my leave, and should any
of

of my readers discover a want of CONNECTION in this little address, I hope they will have the goodness to excuse it; assuring them, that the utmost extent of my wishes are to CONNECT myself with a GENEROUS PUBLIC; a CONNECTION, in my opinion, much more honourable, as well as profitable, than any other I can form.

CHAS. COURTLY.

Feb. 8, 1794.

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* * * That both *old*
and young may parti-
cipate in the advan-
tages to be derived from
this agreeable game,
the Editor has printed
this *little* Tract on a
larger type than usual.

THE
New Royal Game
OF
CONNECTIONS.

RULES FOR PLAYING.

ONE.

YOU pool guineas
and draw shil-
lings, or pool shillings
and draw pence.

TWO.

IF four play, deal
eight cards each; if
three

three play, deal ten cards each, so that twenty-two, or twenty-four cards are always left out.

THREE.

THE cards are played in the same manner as *whist*, and have the same value, except that the trump never varies.

FOUR.

DIAMONDS are perpetual trumps.

FIVE.

THE first connection
are the the two black
aces.

SIX.

THE second connec-
tion are the ace of
spades and the king of
hearts.

SEVEN.

THE third connec-
tion are the ace of
clubs and the knave of
spades.

FOR

EIGHT.

FOR the first connection you draw two shillings each, for the second connection one shilling each, for the third connection sixpence each.

NINE.

THE winner of the greatest number of tricks each deal, draws sixpence.

TEN.

SHOULD a trump be played in the round,
in

in which there is a connection, it takes the trick; otherwise it is always taken by the person who played the first card of the connection.

ELEVEN.

WHEN there is a connection, either the next player, or the last, has a right to play a diamond, whatsoever the *lead* was, without being subject to a revoke

voke; in other cases the lead must be always followed.

TWELVE.

WHATEVER suit may be lead, the holder of a card of connection has a right to play it without a penalty; but the next player must follow the first lead, unless he can ANSWER THE CARD OF CONNECTION.

These are the only rules necessary to attain

tain ample knowledge of this cheerful game, which as yet, is only played in the first circles; but from the uncommon variety with which it abounds, and in complement to the illustrious and amiable inventors, it bids fair to become the favourite amusement of every rational society.

There not being the least probability, that
any

any disputes can arise in this game, it will be unnecessary for the Editor to appoint any place where he may be consulted, which has been done by the ingenious author of "*Short Rules for Short Memories at the Game of Whist,*" a work of equal *magnitude* with this; and which, if a plan that has been lately shewn me, is put in execution, of instituting

a COLLEGE for the better instruction of the disciples of Hoyle, the elaborate work he has produced, convinces me fully, and I should suppose, must convince every thinking man, that no person is so well qualified to fill the professor's chair, as himself; and he has my sincere wishes that he may obtain it.

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